



NEWTON ABBOT
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR

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NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1964

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1964, together with that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics regarding Births and Deaths in the Urban District during the year do not differ materially from the rates which apply to the County as a whole. It is interesting to note that of the 310 deaths recorded, 256 were aged 65 years or more and 172 were over 75 years.

The fall in the number of cases of Measles, which is a biennial occurrence, accounts for the decrease in the number of notifications of Infectious Diseases. Once again I am pleased to report that no cases of Smallpox, Diptheria, Tetanus, Typhoid, Para-Typhoid or Poliomyelitis occurred. All these diseases can now be prevented by appropriate vaccination and inoculation and it is essential that they should not be allowed to regain their former prevalence. This can only be done by continuing with the appropriate measures of prevention.

Ten deaths attributed to Cancer of the Lung occurred during the year, a rise of one on the previous year. The causal connection between the disease and cigarette smoking is now generally accepted. What is not realised is that cigarette smoking contributes at least as much to other causes of morbidity and mortality and recent investigations have shown that in general terms the death rates age for age for male cigarette smokers, under 65, is almost double that for non-smokers.

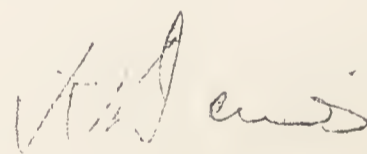
The need for discouraging the young from taking to cigarette smoking is urgent, but it is obvious that our efforts up to date have failed dismally.

The general public, thanks to Press and other publicity, is now taking a far greater interest in Food Hygiene, and as your Public Health Inspector states in his report, there has been an increase in the number of complaints received. The improvement in clean food production and distribution is dependent on adequate official inspection, but it is even more dependent on the standards demanded by the customer, and these standards are continuing to rise.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1965.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	4,156
Population mid 1964.....	18,650
Population 1961 census.....	18,060
Rateable Value as at 1st. January 1964.....	£685,950
Rateable Value as at 31st. December 1964.....	£725,173
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April 1964.	£3,000

VITAL STATISTICS

Live births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	148	122	270
Illegitimate	14	8	22
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	162	130	292
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Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	15.65
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	17.37
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.23
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	18.28
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	18.4

Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total Live Births) 7.53

Stillbirths

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and still births	16.83
Stillbirth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	17.30
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	16.3

Deaths

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.07 years. The average age of all male deaths was 70.09 and for female deaths 76.48 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	167	143	310
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			16.62
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			9.97
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.21
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			10.37
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			11.3

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One Year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			13.7
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			14.90
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			20.0

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four Weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			10.27
Neo-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			10.76
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			13.8

Peri-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under One Week)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and death of Infants under one week per 1000 total live and still births)			26.94
Peri-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			26.50
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			28.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1964. One maternal death occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

	<u>AGE AT DEATH</u>	
	Male	Female
Infants under Four Weeks	3	-
Four weeks and under One Year	1	-
1 - 4	1	-
5 - 14	-	1
15 - 24	1	-
25 - 34	2	-
35 - 44	1	2
45 - 54	10	5
55 - 64	25	12
65 - 74	42	32
75 and over	81	91
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	167	143
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Total : 310

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	167	143
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	37
Coronary disease, angina	33	15
Hypertension with heart disease	4	4
Other heart disease	31	25
Other circulatory disease	6	6
Pneumonia	7	8
Bronchitis	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	15
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	2	4
Suicide	-	1
	<hr/> 167 <hr/>	<hr/> 143 <hr/>

Total : 310

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
Dysentery	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Measles	1	1	2
Malaria (malignant)	1	-	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

Total : 8

TUBERCULOSIS

Three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1964. No cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. Details of the pulmonary cases are set out in the following table:

<u>Age periods</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Under five years	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	1	-
25 - 44	-	-
45 - 64	1	-
65 and over	1	-
	<u>3</u>	-

Total : 3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

In no case was Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, necessary during 1964.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR

1964.

STAFF

Chief Public Health Inspector

C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

F.J.Webb (as from September 1964)

Additional Public Health Inspector.

T.J.Price

Shorthand Typist.

Miss.S.Weaver.

Clerk.

Miss.P.Evans.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1964.

DRAINAGE:

Details of the work carried out under this heading are as follows:-

Number of premises visited	68
Number of tests applied	169
Number of visits made	268

FACTORIES:

1. Inspections

	<u>No. on register.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>	<u>No. of written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupier prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	8	-	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	65	24	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	4	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Ref to H.M. Insp.</u>	<u>Ref by H.M. Insp.</u>	<u>Prosecution.</u>
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>					
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature. (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation. (S4)	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES (Cont'd)

2. <u>Cases in which defects were found.</u>	Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prosecution.
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>					
Inneffective Drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION

1. Public Abattoir

During 1964, details were finalised in connection with the alterations and additions to the Public Abattoir, and tenders were obtained in October of that year, and application was made for the necessary loan sanction.

2. Meat Inspection.

The amount of killing shows a substantial decrease with a general fall in all categories, **including** about 50 per cent in the number of calves slaughtered.

The details of the animals slaughtered, and the results of inspection are shown in the following tables:-

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Goats
No. Killed	3287	1231	3114	12452	5885	-
No. Inspected	3287	1231	3114	12452	5885	-
All diseases other than Tuberculosis						
(i) Whole carcass condemned	6	8	44	175	22	-
(ii) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	590	338	57	2368	655	-
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	18.13	28.11	3.24	20.42	11.50	-
Tuberculosis only						
(i) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	2	-	-	93	-
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	-	0.89	-	-	1.58	-
No. of cases of Cysticercus Bovis.	11					
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Bullocks	4,207	4,409	4,957	5,104	5,308	4,518
Calves	6,260	9,462	9,257	8,866	6,231	3,114
Sheep	19,356	19,087	18,125	14,770	14,554	12,452
Pigs	6,578	7,287	7,666	7,258	7,102	5,885
	36,401	40,245	40,005	35,998	33,195	25,969

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

3. Meat Inspection Regulations

Carrying out the requirements of these Regulations has meant additional time being spent at the Public Abattoir, but all carcasses slaughtered there have been inspected.

4. Unsound Food

During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

18	Bullock carcasses
33	Calves carcasses
156	Sheep carcasses
22	Pigs carcasses
69	Pigs Heads
63	Bullocks Heads
1	Calf Head
5	Sheep Heads
4116	Organs and Parts
561	Tins Meat/Meat Products
338	Tins Vegetables
735	Tins Fruit
206	Tins of Fish
268	Packages (Miscellaneous) Food
1 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs. Cheese
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs. Butter
$\frac{1}{2}$	Gallon Almond Essence
4	Ginger Cakes
28	lbs. Frozen Eggs
50	lbs. Celery
$\frac{1}{2}$	Doz. Sausage Rolls (Frozen)

5. Ice-Cream

The number of Ice-cream samples that were taken in 1964 are as follows:-

Grade 1	-	Satisfactory	-	7 Samples
Grade 2	-	Fairly Satisfactory	-	4 Samples
Grade 3	-	Unsatisfactory	-	2 Samples
Grade 4	-	Very Bad	-	2 Samples

6. General

During the year there was an increase in the number of complaints brought forward by the members of the Public.

In addition to Informal action which was taken regarding some of the complaints, proceedings were taken in the following cases:-

- (i) The sale of unsound sausage rolls.
- (ii) The sale of a mouldy loaf of bread.
- (iii) The sale of a loaf of bread containing a cigarette end.

In each of these cases a conviction was obtained and fines imposed.

Food/..

Hygiene may be defined as individual responsibility for applying accepted rules to methods of food handling and preparation and if the average customer becomes less reluctant to ignore shortcomings and or to tolerate unhygienic practices, health departments will gladly welcome this support.

During the year 96 visits were paid to cafes and restaurants and 192 visits to other food handling premises.

11 Informal Notices were served under the Food & Drugs Act 1955.

HOUSING ACT, 1964.

This Act came into force in August 1964 and major alterations were made with regard to the system of Improvement Grants, provision being made for installing part only of the standard amenities, and also for fixing the amount of the grant at a higher figure than £155. which applied previously.

1. The number of dwellings dealt with under the Improvement Grant Scheme are as follows:-

(i)	No. of properties receiving grant:-	
	(a) Standard Grant	36
	(b) Discretionary Grant	4
(ii)	No. of inspections carried out	174

2. Public Health & Housing Acts:-

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

(i)	Number of houses inspected under the Public Health Acts	21
(ii)	Number of houses inspected under the Housing Acts	121
(iii)	Number of Informal Notices served	5
(iv)	Number of Statutory Notices Served:-	
	(a) Under Section 9, Housing Act 1957	-
	(b) Under Section 16, Housing Act 1957	3
	(c) Under Section 17, Housing Act 1957	2
	(d) Under Section 18, Housing Act 1957	-
	(e) Under Public Health Act 1936	7
(v)	Number of dwellings rendered fit	7.
(vi)	Number of part of dwellings closed	-
(vii)	Number of inspections made	226

Under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957, a Clearance Area was declared in respect of 4 houses in Exeter Road.

3. Housing

- (i) Number of Council houses constructed Nil
- (ii) Number of private houses constructed 102

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Certain provisions of this Act came into force in May 1964 in particular, the requirements that premises in use at that date require to be registered, and anyone intending to employ people in such premises were required to notify the Local Authority.

It was also a requirement of the Act that Annual Reports by Local Authorities should be submitted to the Ministry of Labour.

The number of premises registered during the 8 months ending 31st December 1964 were 272 and made up as follows, and the number of visits made were 15.

(i)	Offices	99
(ii)	Retail Shops	148
(iii)	Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	11
(iv)	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	12
(v)	Fuel storage depots	2

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

Disposal

During the year a further area of land to the East of Brunel Road has been filled by the tipping of refuse.

Negotiations for the purchase of further tipping land dragged on during the year, and by the end of 1964, the amount of land still available for this purpose had shrunk to such an extent that further action for securing another site became increasingly urgent.

RODENT CONTROL

General Treatment

42 private dwellings and 39 other premises were tested for rat infestations, a total of 134 visits being made in this connection.

Sewer Treatment

Two treatments of the sewerage system of the town were carried out.

STAFF

There have been no changes of staff in this department during 1964, and thanks are due to all concerned for the way in which the increased duties and contacts with the public have been dealt with.

I should like to thank the members of the Council for their support and consideration, and also colleagues for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. O. Leithick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

